



# Pest Detection and Management Programs

Plant Protection and Quarantine

Weekly Notice, July 08, 2004

---

This "Weekly Notice" is prepared by the Pest Detection and Management Programs (PDMP) to communicate recent important events. These notices and other more detailed program information can be found at:

<http://www.aphis.usda.gov/ppq/ep/reports/>

## **ALB Critical Issues Report:**

### **NEW JERSEY**

The re-treatment of the trunk injection trees was successfully completed in New Jersey on June 28, 2004. Last week, the contractor used the Generation II Mauget capsules in the trunk injection applications and the treatments failed. Less than 5% of the chemical was taken up by the trees with these new capsules. Re-treatment was applied this week using the original style Mauget capsules with nearly 100% success.

### **ILLINOIS**

The treatment contract in Park Ridge was completed on June 22, 2004. This is the last of the three contracts to be completed in Illinois. Verification of final treatment reports are in progress.

A progress meeting is scheduled with KADIX System on July 8, 2004. This is the contractor who is designing and implementing the "Volunteer Survey Project" in Chicago.

### **NEW YORK**

A written response from New York City Parks and Recreation containing the formal proposal for treating New York City elm trees was received by APHIS on July 1, 2004. The proposal reduced the number of elm trees removed from treatment from 1,131 to 164. APHIS officials are considering the impact to the program based on this new treatment proposal and will be preparing a response shortly.

Chemical treatments are continuing in all areas of New York: Manhattan, Brooklyn, Queens, and Long Island. Approximately 48,000 trees have been treated.

A contract modification is under development for treating about 1,300 trees in the Lindenhurst area of

Long Island using the pressurized trunk injection application system. Target date for beginning this treatment is July 19, 2004.

## **PUBLIC OUTREACH**

ALB "Save Trees" advertisements were placed in various publications in New York, New Jersey, and Illinois. This advertisement was published during the months of May, June, and July and it informs the public to be on the look out for adult ALB and to report sightings to the appropriate officials. This advertisement has worked very well for the program in past years in keeping the ALB program alive in the public arena.

APHIS is working with the University of Vermont to produce ALB bookmarkers which will be distributed throughout the public libraries in New York (8,980), New Jersey (1,800), and Illinois (4,000).

Two press releases were published on the New Jersey ALB treatment program.

**Source:** Christine Markham